

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give a voice to the voiceless victims of domestic violence.

I want to tell the story of one woman from my State of Illinois who endured years of abuse and called our State's Domestic Violence Help Line for help.

In her call, the woman explained that over the years she had suffered black eyes, broken and knocked out teeth, and broken bones. She said she couldn't take it anymore, but she couldn't leave because she feared her abuser would find her and kill her. She was suicidal and said she just needed to end it with the pills she had been collecting. Luckily, this woman reached out for help. 911 was called, and the help line staff stayed on the line with her until the paramedics arrived.

But, sadly, most women never report their abuse. And even for those who do find the strength to report, many are denied services, such as shelter, due to scarce resources. I speak today for those who cannot speak for themselves to say: We can end domestic violence; all we need is the will to do so.

## MALE BREAST CANCER

(Mr. NUGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to address an often overlooked but important part of breast cancer awareness.

One percent of all breast cancer patients are men. In 2010, almost 1,970 new male breast cancer cases were reported. Although the current survival rate for women diagnosed with breast cancer is about 87 percent, the rate for men drops to 79 percent. The discrepancy is because many men don't think breast cancer can affect them. As such, they are often diagnosed after the cancer has developed into more advanced stages.

One of my constituents in Florida's Fifth District, Herb Wagner, is a 6-year male breast cancer survivor. After his diagnosis in 2005, Herb and his family founded A Man's Pink. The goal of A Man's Pink is to bring awareness to male breast cancer.

Early detection is crucial in fighting any type of cancer, and men need to be reminded that breast cancer does not just affect women.

For more information on male breast cancer, I encourage folks to learn about A Man's Pink. In the meantime, anybody with concerns should contact their doctor.

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## AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it's been 294 days since the Republicans took control of the House. The party of no still refuses to put forward a clear jobs plan. They have put politics ahead of what is right for the American people.

Unemployment is near 17 percent in my district, one of the highest rates of foreclosure in the country. The American people in my district are hurting, and throughout the country.

Yet, instead of acting on a bold plan to create new jobs, Republicans have decided to protect tax cuts for millionaires and companies that ship jobs overseas. Now the Republicans in the Senate have said "no" to the American Jobs Act, even though it includes the same proposals that they have supported in the past.

And the Republican leaders in the Senate just called the proposal to help teachers, firefighters, and police officers stay on the job a "bailout." These public servants educate, and I state, educate our children and keep our streets safe. They deserve our support. They don't deserve more gridlock in Congress.

We can't wait. Let's pass the American Jobs Act now.

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN JOBS PLAN

(Mr. FLORES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, as part of the House Republicans Plan for America's Job Creators, we are working hard every day to fix the Obama economy. Last week the Senate stopped a bipartisan bill to permanently repeal the job-killing 3 percent withholding requirement for Federal payments to government contractors. This week, however, the House plans to eliminate this requirement, representing House Republicans' continuing commitment to remove barriers to job creation and eliminate excessive burdens on small businesses. These Main Street businesses are the backbones of our economy and American job creation.

As a former job creator, I know firsthand about the negative impacts of burdensome taxes and overreaching regulations. Although this withholding requirement is not scheduled to go into effect for another 15 months, it is already causing uncertainty for small businesses' operations and hiring plans.

For these reasons, Congress must act now. Permanently repealing this unreasonable withholding provision is another real world Main Street solution to provide more certainty for small businesses to grow and to create jobs again. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support H.R. 674.

## JOB CREATION

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, my home State of Rhode Island, like the

rest of the country, is facing a jobs crisis. The President put forth a comprehensive jobs bill which puts teachers, first responders, and construction workers to work and puts money in the pockets of American workers and employers so businesses will grow and add jobs. It also creates jobs by investing in America's schools.

On a recent visit to the Henry J. Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket, I saw firsthand what this jobs bill could do. I saw a leaking roof, broken windows in kindergarten classrooms, exposed wires. These are the kinds of repairs that we could make if we passed the Fix America's Schools Today Act, which I'm cosponsoring. This Act, like the President's jobs bill, will provide critical funding for vital repairs and renovations to Winters Elementary School and schools all across Rhode Island and our country.

Under the FAST Act, Rhode Island stands to receive more than \$98 million to invest in modernizing existing K-12 public school buildings and facilities at community colleges, putting more than 1,000 Rhode Islanders back to work now.

The Jobs Act would create jobs now. It would put money into the pockets of working Americans now. It would give businesses job-creating tax breaks now, and it would provide a boost to the economy now. That's why we need to take action now.

RETIRING CHIEF JOURNAL CLERK  
PATRICIA MADSON

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as I listen to my colleagues on both sides of the talk about the imperative of job creation and economic growth, I'd like to recognize a job well done. Forty-four years, 7 months, and 5 days is a long period of time, but that's the tenure of public service provided by our friend, the now Chief Journal Clerk, Trish Madson. She has worked for the Voice of America, the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation. She worked in the Minority Counsel Office under our former minority leader Bob Michel.

She is someone I got to know because her late mother was one of my constituents.

I would like to ask all of our colleagues to join in giving a round of applause and ovation to Trish Madson, who, after 44 years, 7 months, and 5 days, will be retiring today.

Mr. Speaker, I think we've consumed the entire 1 minute just applauding Trish, as it should be.

## JOB CREATION

(Mr. DOYLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)